

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 JIDDA 02709 01 OF 02 111411Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07
NSAE-00 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 /033 W
-----111427Z 024009 /41

R 111230Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7964
USIA WASHDC
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY SANA
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 JIDDA 2709

USIAC

USIA FOR IOP/M, INA

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: WEEKLY SAUDI EDITORIAL REVIEW

1. SUMMARY: ITEMS COVERED BY SAUDI PRESS WERE ON
THE US AND ME PROBLEM AND SADAT'S VISIT TO THE U.S.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE US AND ME PROBLEM

APRIL 5, AL-BILAD DAILY, SAID THAT IT APPEARED
FROM CARTER'S STATEMENTS THAT THE ARABS WILL HAVE TO
WAIT LONGER, WITH GREAT PATIENCE, BEFORE SOME OF THEIR
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 JIDDA 02709 01 OF 02 111411Z

ASPIRATIONS ARE REALIZED. IT BASED THIS JUDGEMENT
ON MR. CARTER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SADAT, IN WHICH
"THERE WERE DESPERATE REFERENCES TO THE POSSIBILITIES
OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION." THE PAPER
ADDED THAT SUCH STATEMENTS GIVE TWO IMPRESSIONS:
(1) THE US SEEMS UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY
ENTRUSTED TO IT BY THE WORLD, (2) GREATER PRESSURE IS

BEING PUT ON THE ARABS FOR MORE CONCESSIONS.
REDA LARRY, IN APRIL 5, OKAZ DAILY, SAYS THAT
THERE IS AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY AIMING AT HAVING
THE PALESTINIANS IMMIGRATE TO CANADA, AND AUSTRALIA.
THIS CONDEMNS THE US FOR CONNIVING WITH ISRAEL TO HAVE
THE PALESTINIANS ELIMANATED FROM THE AREA TO FAR AWAY
LANDS AFTER FAILING TO HAVE THEM INTEGRATED INTO
NEIGHBOURING ARAB COUNTRIES. HE GOES ON TO SAY "TOP
SECRET TALKS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN BRZEZINSKI AND THE
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON WHERE AGREEMENT WAS
REACHED ON THE NECESSITYOF HAVING THE PALESTINIANS
IMMIGRATE TO THOSE COUNTRIES NEEDING LABOUR."
CYPRUS WAS CHOSEN, BECAUSE OF THE ARABS SUPPORT FOR
THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, TO CARRY OUT THIS OPERATION*
IBRAHIM, IN APRIL 6, RIYADH DAILY, SAYS THAT THE
SOVIETS HAVE LEFT THE ME FOR THE AMERICANS AND TURNED
TO BLACK AFRICA. HE SAYS "WASHINGTON'S RELUCTANCE
TO DEFINE ITS POLICY TOWARD AFRICA IS INTERPRETED
AS GIVING THE GREEN LIGHT FOR RED PENETRATION INTO THE
BLACK WORLD. WASHINGTON SEEMS TO HAVE SATISFIED
ITSELF WITH INHERITING THE ME AND MAKING ISRAEL ITS
PROXY, WHILE MOSCOW SATISFIES ITSELF WITH THE BIGGEST
NUMBER OF AFRICAN DEVELOPING NATIONS, MAKING CASTRO
ITS PROXY."
ARAB NEW (4/7) EDITORIAL TITLED HALF-WAY MARK
CAUTIONS AGAINST HOPES FOR ACTUAL JUST AND LASTING
PEACE "THRIVING DANGEROUSLY." GIVEN THE TRIPS AND
TALKS BY SADAT, ARAFAT AND THE OTHER VISITORS TO
WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW, THE PAPER SAYS "ALL THIS ACTIVITY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 JIDDA 02709 01 OF 02 111411Z

MAY GIVE THE PEOPLES BACK HOME A FALSE SENSE OF AN
IMPENDING BREAKTHROUGH WHICH MOST PROBABLY WILL NEVER
COME." WHY? THE PAPER ANSWERS: "SOVIETS HAVE LOST
THEIR INFLUENCE AND PERHAPS INTEREST, IN ME; AND
PRESIDENT CARTER, DESPITE ALL HIS MORALITY AND
INTEGRITY, MAY BE UNABLE TO SHRUG OFF THE HEAVY
ZIONIST LEGACY OF THE SUCCESSIVE AMERICAN
ADMINISTRATIONS."

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 JIDDA 02709 02 OF 02 111455Z

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 /033 W

-----111459Z 024374 /41

R 111230Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7965

USIA WASHDC

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY SANA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 JIDDA 2709

USIAC

THE ARAB NEWS MAINTAINS THAT THE SUPPORTING STATES, IN THESE UNHOPEFUL CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THE "WINNING AGUMENT" OF THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP AGAINST THE EXTREMISTS, NAMELY "WHY SWIM AGAINST THE TIDE; LET'S GO ALONG WITH THEM (IN EFFORTS FOR CONVENING GENEVA, ETC.) AND WE'LL COME BACK TOGETHER."

REDAY LARRY, IN APRIL 9, OKAZ DAILY, SAYS THAT REMOVING RABIN FROM THE SCENE MEANS THAT ISRAEL IS ABOUT TO INITIATE AN ENTIRELY NEW POLICY. RABIN HAD NEGOTIATED EVERYTHING, HIS REMOVAL MEANS STARTING ALL THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH VANCE ANEW, BECAUSE PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS HAVE COMMITTED ISRAEL TO SOMETHING THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP IS NOT HAPPY WITH. IF RABIN REMAINS THEN HE CANNOT ABSOLVE HIMSELF OR ISRAEL
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 JIDDA 02709 02 OF 02 111455Z

OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH THE US. THEREFORE HE MUST GO.

3. SADAT'S VISIT TO THE US

APRIL 4, RIYADH DAILY, SEES SADAT'S VISIT TO THE US AS A TURNING POINT IN AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD THE ME CRISIS, BUT IT WAS CERTAIN THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL NOT DECIDE ON ANYTHING UNTIL HE HAD LISTENED TO THE VIEWS OF OTHER ARAB LEADERS. IT GOES

ON TO SAY "SADAT HAS FOUND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ARMS FROM EUROPE, WHILE BRIDGES WITH SOVIETS WERE RIPPED APART. THEREFORE HE FOUND THE US TO BE THE ONLY SOURCE FOR ARMS. THE POSSIBILITY OF WASHINGTON ARMING CAIRO, WITH EVEN 1 PERCENT OF US SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL, IS NOT BELIEVED LIKELY IN THE CURRENT YEAR."

APRIL 5, ARAB NEWS, ENGLISH DAILY, SAYS THAT MR. CARTER'S ME POLICY IS NOT SO MYSTERIOUS AS IT MAY SEEM. "DESPITE HIS EFFUSIVE SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL DURING LAST YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN - - A TACTIC DICTATED BY DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLICIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JEWISH VOTE IN SUCH INFLUENTIAL STATES AS NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA- MR. CARTER HAS LONG ADVOCATED A BALANCED APPROACH TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE."
SABBAGH

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS SUMMARIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 11-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977JIDDA02709
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770125-0515
Format: TEL
From: JIDDA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770470/aaaaciqd.tel
Line Count: 187
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9dc82fa7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2846273
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: WEEKLY SAUDI EDITORIAL REVIEW
TAGS: SOPN, SA
To: STATE USIA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9dc82fa7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009